

IV. REMARKS

Status of the Claims

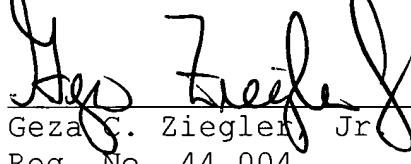
Claims 1, 9, and 13-16 are amended. Claims 1-16 are allowed.

Applicant has amended the drawing, specification and claims to overcome the Examiner's objections stated in the office action.

As indicated by the Examiner, in view of the above amendments, all of the claims now present in the application are in proper form for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 24-0037.

Respectfully submitted,



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